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Dear Ms. Hesse:

As the new Commissioner of the Babe Ruth Softball League, I am confident in the future of our programs. I only wish that I had reason to be as optimistic about the future of the American economy. It seems as though everywhere I look I see doubt, confusion and a lack of stability in the American economy. We've got to improve this situation.

I think that President Bush has the right ideas: strengthening our military, improving education and cutting taxes will make our nation stronger, smarter and more ready for business. However, consumer confidence in the short term must be fixed in order to spur growth. The American people want to see their government working to help create jobs.

In that spirit, I believe that the pending settlement in the federal government's antitrust suit against Microsoft needs to be finalized. Think about it: the stock market took a nosedive when the federal courts announced that they planned to dissolve Microsoft. The economy has never recovered. We need to reverse this trend!

When I think of every American out of work, it makes me realize how needless and futile that any further pursuit of this lawsuit would be. We need our industry leaders, particularly our industry giants, like Microsoft, to be as strong as possible. Our government should work cooperatively to bolster, not weaken, them.

I request that Judge Kollar Kotelly approves the settlement.

Sincerely,

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